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The Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Intelligence Research and Development Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM:   
Executive Secretary, IR&DC

SUBJECT: IR&DC Operations

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1. In response to your discussion with  concerning the future operation of the Council to include membership and focus,  has asked that I draft up a proposed membership list and possible topics for Council review and to seek your guidance.  indicates that you would like the Council to assume a technical oversight function in providing technical advice when appropriate on Intelligence Community programs, either in the planning and formulation stage, or ongoing. Also, I understand that you wish the Chairman of the STAP to be removed from Council membership for proprietary considerations.

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2. Therefore in the matter of Council membership, I suggest that the Council be reduced to consist of primarily technical representation rather than the present composition, and in this vein, I have attached for your consideration a proposed new Council membership listing. Besides the reduction of the Chairman STAP from the Council, accreditation will also be withdrawn from the present observer organizations (NSC, OSTP, OMB, State, FBI, and NASA). The combination of these actions will reduce the Council from the present 21 (15 members and 6 observers) to 14 members. A further reduction could be made by deleting the membership of the Deputy Under Secretary for Policy since the DUSDP is not involved in technical considerations. However the removal of the DUSDP from the Council would probably result in discussion of why the Director of the Intelligence Community Staff still retains membership in a technical advisory organization.

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3. I perceive that we will receive some negative comments from organizations who are eliminated, but I think that if we stress that the intent is to have the Council serve as a technical forum for the DDCI and DCI, that most of the objections will be quieted. One of the benefits of a smaller Council will be to allow Council members to more freely exchange frank technical opinions in Council meetings and to contribute more to Council deliberations. This is lacking at present due to the large number of Council attendees, though the Chairman has on several occasions told the members that he would like them to voice their opinions and freely participate in Council discussions.

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4. Next, as to Council focus, I have prepared a proposed list (Attached) of current program projects which the Council could review and provide technical opinions on their proposed developments. Second, I have indicated a list of sustaining technologies which the Council can continue to monitor for possible technology advances which may be applied for enhancements within the Intelligence Community. [ ]

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5. If you agree to these proposals, I suggest that I draft a memo from you to the Chairman who in turn will inform the members of the changes.

[ ] asks that you please talk to [ ] about his removal from the Council. Request your advice on these proposals. [ ]

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Attachments:

1. Proposed IR&DC Membership
2. Chronology of IR&DC Membership
3. Proposed IR&DC Focus

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